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THE POETS CORNER.

COLUMBIA'S SHIPS.

By Mrs. L. H. BLOOMER.
The ships from young Columbia's shore,
As fleet they are, and free,
As though from lighter realms than best
The tempests of the sea—
As gallantly their banners float,
As keen their lightning's light,
And braver hearts than there are found
Beat not beneath the sky.

White as the glancing sea-bird's wing
Their swelling sails expand,
Beside the bright Egean seas,
Or green from Florida's strand,
Or where the sparse Norwegian pine
A sudden summer shows,
Or Terra del Fuoco's torch
And the tempest's glare.

Unmoved their trackless courses they hold
Through vengeful Boreas' roars,
And make their port on danger-coasts,
And through the foreign spears,
Have learned their cheering cry,
"Land ho!—land ho!"—and "bear a hand!"—
And the ready "aye" reply.

From some to some—from pole to pole,
Where'er in swift career,
The venturesome lead a path explore,
Our Yankee sailors steer:
The white bear, on his field of ice,
Hath seen his signals tossed,
And the great whale, the Ocean's king,
Doth know them to his cost.

The spices from the Indian isles,
The plant of China's cure,
The canes of the tropic climes,
Their merchant vessels stow,
Wherever commerce points his wand,
They mount the crested waves,
And link together every sea,
The rolling globe that lives.

Still nearer to the Antarctic gate
Our daring seamen press,
Where storm-wracked Nature thought to dwell
In hermit loneliness:
Where massive icebergs float,
My country from her watch tower look,
And answer—"They are mine!"

Columbia's ships! With dauntless prow
The tossing deep they tread;
The pirate of the Lybian sands,
And the British lion's wrath,
Their valiant might defies,
For well their nation's faith and pride
They guard on Ocean's breast.

When strong opposition fiercely frowns,
Her eagle rears his crest,
And means no bird of air shall pluck
His pinions or his breast;
And brighter on the threatening cloud
Gleam out her stars of gold,
Huzzah! for young Columbia's ships,
And for her seamen bold. (Columbia Mag.)

PRaise of Little Women.

[From the Spanish of Juan Ruiz de Hita.]

In a little piece of paper much wisdom's seed
Is in a little word of hope much of sweetest lead
Mean all our other conditions, though 'tis a trifle
You recollect the proverb says—a word unto the wise.

A pepper corn is very small, but seasons every dinner
Mean all our other conditions, though 'tis a trifle
Just so a little woman is, it will give you to win her
There's not a joy in all the world you will not find within her.

And as within the little room you find the richest dyes,
And in a little grain of gold much price and value lies,
As from a little balm much odor dries,
So in a little woman's heart a taste of paradise.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

Poor and Proud.

"But, my dear," said Mrs. Simpson, to her husband, "it will never do for Ellen to begin the world in that way. She is our only daughter, and now she is going to be married, we must make an effort to give her a decent set-out."

"Well, Jane, is not the furniture I propose sufficiently decent? You know I can hardly get along as it is, and every cent I take for this purpose comes out of the capital. A plain tapestry house, with a single sofa, cane-bottomed chairs, and a chamber comfortably furnished, is a set-out as good as I can afford. Besides, I don't think Mr. Simpson would be likely to marry a large house; I'm sure his business would not warrant it."

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costly style, were to constitute the appointments of the new household. The intended husband had scarcely thought the Simpsons would give their daughter so handsome a set-out, and was almost inclined to remonstrate against it as unnecessary, for he saw that it would entail on him the rent of a larger house than he had expected, or indeed was willing to take. But the temptation of the new house was too strong, since her father was so generous, to strain a point in order to commence house-keeping in a befitting way. Accordingly a handsome residence was selected, which was furnished according to the projected plan; and certainly, when the young couple moved into it after their marriage, the elegance and style of everything in their spacious parlor made the husband quite forget his uneasiness respecting the insufficiency of his income to keep up such an establishment. And when the bride's friends called at her new house and loaded it with praises, her gratified husband wondered that he could ever have hesitated about the expense.

The honey-moon passed amid a succession of parties and other entertainments; and not until the excitement of this mode of life had subsided, and Mr. Simpson had time to reflect on his position, did he begin to feel the weight of his obligations. He had been so busy with the new house, that he had not had time to think of his income, and now that he was settled in it, he found that it was not sufficient to maintain the establishment which he had so handsomely equipped.

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other servant, a half-grown girl who might attend the baby and help in sewing. Then the other servant refused to wash for this increased family, and the washing had to be put out; so that, at the end of the year, notwithstanding they gave no parties, the expenses of the young married couple were found to be as great as during the preceding year. It is true, Mr. Simpson's business had increased, but not sufficiently to make up the difference. He had been forced to set up a pig. Accordingly it became necessary again to trench on his little capital. The third year, in spite of a business which was not so successful as the first, he was forced to resort to the same expedient as the others; so that, when, at its close Mr. Simpson cast up his accounts, he discovered that, since his marriage, he had sold out more than a thousand dollars worth of his stock, and owed besides several small bills, which he had managed to throw over into the fourth year. His income from his little capital, was now just one hundred dollars less than it had been when he was married. And so it went on, year after year, until nearly every share of the stock had been sold out, for though Mr. Simpson's business increased, so too did his expenses.

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"Merrile looked aghast! He had never seen so keen a calculation; but there it was, in black and white."

"Now, my dear nephew, you see you have been deceived by the appearance of success. The moment I heard you had moved into that big house, I saw how all would end; for I knew your means, and felt assured that, sooner or later, you must come to me. You have held out longer than I thought you could. Now take my advice. I will pay your debts. Move into a small house. I have one in—street, just the thing. You shall have it rent free, and then your income will be sufficient to support you. I will not object to your going to school in a dress that is becoming to her age, and I want her to go to school in a dress that is becoming to her age."

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"But," said I, but I did not dare propose the question."

"She laughed and said, 'Oh, I understand. It is a long story in all; but the conclusion of it was that after I had suffered neglect—seen my life fall by the wayside, and my children requiring some interest from their father, I was obliged to come to an open rupture, and say that it should not be that he never should do a sum in the house until he attended to my request.'"

"But how could you effect this? I inquired."

"Easy enough," she returned: "I only seated myself by him and rubbed out his figures and signs as fast as I could make them, and we came to an agreement that he should do my bidding always, and I would leave him in quiet when possible."

"Why," said I in astonishment, "I thought he loved you."

"Love me!—he loved nothing but his problem; and we came to the compromise on no other desire of his, but to save his darling signs, which were his life."

"And, as you said, 'if you marry, marry a thing but a quiet man in love with abstractions, fractions, equations, roots, factors, binomials, and trinomials.'"

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"But," said I, but I did not dare propose the question."

"She laughed and said, 'Oh, I understand. It is a long story in all; but the conclusion of it was that after I had suffered neglect—seen my life fall by the wayside, and my children requiring some interest from their father, I was obliged to come to an open rupture, and say that it should not be that he never should do a sum in the house until he attended to my request.'"

"But how could you effect this? I inquired."

"Easy enough," she returned: "I only seated myself by him and rubbed out his figures and signs as fast as I could make them, and we came to an agreement that he should do my bidding always, and I would leave him in quiet when possible."

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